

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL STATISTICS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the terms of reference of National Statistics Commission;
- (b) whether the Commission has become operative so far;
- (c) if so, the statistical data made available for policy formulation and effective planning and implementation;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to become operative?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) The terms of reference of the National Statistical Commission are :

- (i) To examine critically the deficiencies of the present statistical system in terms of timeliness, reliability and adequacy;
- (ii) To recommend measures to correct the deficiencies and revamp the statistical system to generate timely and reliable statistics for the purpose of policy and planning in Government at different levels of administrative structure;
- (iii) To recommend permanent and effective coordinating mechanism for ensuring integrated development of the decentralised statistical system in the country;
- (iv) To review the existing legislation for the collection of statistical information and to recommend amendments, where necessary, to achieve the objective of collection and dissemination of timely, reliable and adequate statistics;
- (v) To review the existing organisation of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (Statistics Wing) and other statistical units of the Government and to make recommendations on their staffing and training requirements to enable them to cope with the increase and development of statistical services;
- (vi) To examine the need for instituting statistical audit of the range of services provided by the Government and local bodies and make suitable recommendations thereof; and
- (vii) To recommend any other measures for improving the statistical system in the country.

(b) The Commission has been functioning since January, 2000.

(c) to (e) The National Statistical Commission has been set up on 19th January 2000 to critically examine the deficiencies of the present statistical system with a view to recommending measures for its systematic revamping. The Commission is not entrusted with the task of generating any statistics by itself.